

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. South Vietnam

a. [redacted] 50X1  
Nhu's hand is the dominant one in the present situation in Saigon.

b. Several officials--including army gnerals--tell us that Nhu tricked the army into declaring martial law and thus used his own special forces and police to raid the pagodas without the army's advance knowledge.

c. [redacted] the precise balance of power between Diem, Nhu, and the military remains obscure. There are still many professions of loyalty to Diem and expressions of concern among the military over Nhu's apparent increase in power. 50X1

[redacted] 50X1

2. USSR-Laos

[redacted] 50X1

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### 3. Iraq-Kurds

a.

[redacted] the Iraqi army has asked the Turks to undertake combat operations against the Kurds in Northern Iraq.

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b.

[redacted] the request was prompted by the Iraqis' inability to crush the Kurds before bad weather sets in.

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**c. Turkey is always concerned  
that the Kurdish revolt in Iraq will  
infect their own Kurdish minority**

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**d.**

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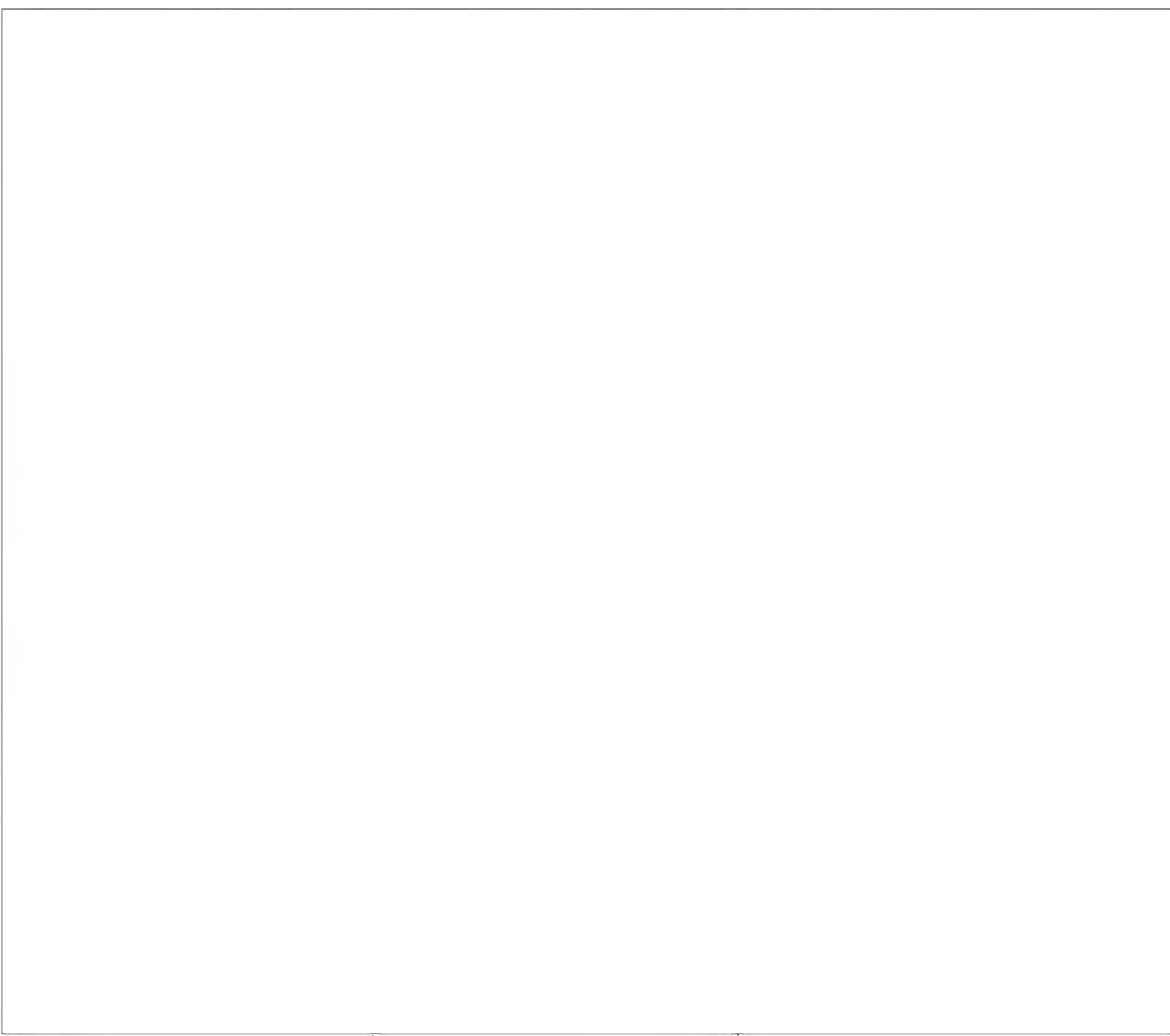
**4. Cuba-USSR**

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A.

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B.

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C. US Students in Cuba The U.S. students left Cuba last night on an Iberian airliner for Madrid, where they hope to get passage back home. 55 would-be Cuban refugees were "bumped" to make room. A spokesman for the students said that the American Civil Liberties Committee was being asked to defend the students against any action brought against them.

D. Algeria Algiers radio has just revealed a 14 August decree of Ben Bella's Council of Ministers banning the creation or existence of any association of political nature in Algeria. The draft

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constitution drawn up by Ben Bella's National Liberation Front (FLN), now under hot attack by the opposition, also contains a provision under which all parties but the FLN would be prohibited.

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F. Cuba

[Redacted] sus-  
pended leave of personnel [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Although this completes  
an island-wide alert against possible attack [Redacted]  
[Redacted] refers to a test of combat readiness.  
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